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MEMORANDUM FOR USUHS PEDIATRIC SITE COORDINATORS,
FOURTH YEAR STUDENT COORDINATORS,
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS, AND
GME OFFICERS

THRU DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL EDUCATION
CHAIR, DEPARTMENT OF PEDIATRICS

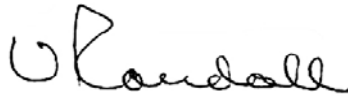
SUBJECT: Pediatric Electives and Sub-Internships

The following is an update on policies affecting fourth-year students from the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS) who will be rotating through your institutions for electives and sub-internships in Pediatrics.

1. Students should contact their departments well in advance of their projected rotation. We request that a single staff member (preferably the attending or senior staff) have oversight of the elective or sub-internship experience, interact regularly with the student, and complete the evaluation form for the student.
2. Approved electives and sub-internships in Pediatrics are listed at www.pedsedu.com/4th_year_clerkship.htm. **Any elective or sub-internship that is not listed requires approval by the Department of Pediatrics at USUHS.** Electives are generally 4-week blocks in the field of general pediatrics or a pediatric sub-specialty, and they may be inpatient or outpatient experiences.
3. Sub-internships must be 4 consecutive weeks of inpatient pediatrics at one institution, e.g., pediatric ward, pediatric ICU or NICU, and include night call no less than every 5th night. Sub-internships have specific goals and objectives including:
 - a. Perform pediatric histories and physical examinations with minimal supervision.
 - b. Interpret historical, physical, and laboratory findings in preparation for developing an assessment.
 - c. Present diagnostic and/or therapeutic plans after synthesizing the available information.
 - d. Demonstrate communication skills necessary to convey assessments and plans to patients, parents, and colleagues.
 - e. Demonstrate an ever-expanding knowledge of core pediatric signs, symptoms, and diagnoses.

- f. Demonstrate self-directed learning skills by using the literature (all forms of media) to answer patient-specific clinical questions.
4. Each student who completes an elective or a sub-internship must be evaluated by an on-site preceptor.
- a. Evaluation forms are available at www.pedsedu.com/4th_year_clerkship.htm. They can be completed on-line, printed and signed, then faxed or mailed; alternatively, they can be completed, saved locally, and emailed. Please note that there are separate forms for evaluation of **electives** versus **sub-internships**. Electives require a pass/fail grade and sub-internships require a letter grade.
 - b. Evaluations must be completed at the end of the rotation and forwarded to the undersigned. They will be logged in and forwarded to Dr. Katona, the Chair of the Department of Pediatrics, for signature and then to the Office of the Registrar to be included in the student's official transcript.
 - c. Important suspense dates for the evaluations are 30 Nov 06 (before the GME board) and 30 Apr 07 (before graduation).

We appreciate your support of the medical education of our students. Please contact the undersigned with any questions, concerns, or suggestions.



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